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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO KING KHALID ON HORN

REF: JIDDA 1974 AND 2085

1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL REPLY
TO KING KHALID ON SITUATION IN HORN OF AFRICA.

2. QUOTE: YOUR MAJESTY:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 14 SHARING
WITH ME YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE HORN OF
AFRICA AND PARTICULARLY THE SOVIET AND CUBAN PRESENCE THERE.

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I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES FULLY RECOGNIZES
THE DANGER POSED TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE REGION
BY THE EXCESSIVE PRESENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION
AND CUBAN FORCES. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO SOVIET
AUTHORITIES THAT WE EXPECT, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE
DEPARTURE FROM ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY OF SOMALI FORCES, THAT
AN EARLY AND SIGNIFICANT WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET ADVISORS

AND CUBAN COMBAT FORCES SHOULD FOLLOW.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE SOMALI PEOPLE WITH A VISIBLE SIGN OF SUPPORT FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF SOMALI FORCES FROM ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY, AND TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACTIONS THE UNITED STATES MIGHT TAKE TO ASSIST SOMALIA, I SENT MY SPECIAL EMISSARY RICHARD M. MOOSE TO MOGADISCIO TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH PRESIDENT SIAD. I HAVE ASKED MR. MOOSE TO PROCEED TO JIDDA DIRECTLY FROM MOGADISCIO TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT THESE IMPORTANT REGIONAL MATTERS. IN THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM, AS ON MANY OTHER ISSUES, I APPRECIATE YOUR GOOD COUNSEL AND LOOK FORWARD TO CLOSE CONSULTATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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